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The reorganization of the Chilean cabinet announced Tuesday night reflects President Pinochet's apparent determination to bring more civilians into the government. He may also be trying to counter charges that he is losing his grip in the face of pressing foreign and domestic problems. By naming a trusted civilian lawyer to the key post of Interior Minister and by giving him the authority to orchestrate further cabinet Pinochet seems to be upholding a commitment he made last week to give civilians a broader role in the planned transition to civilian rule. The shift of a taciturn and austere Army general from the Interior to the Defense Ministry seems calculated to remove him from the initial process of completing a new constitution and organizing a plebiscite to approve it.

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